

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, March 20, 1879, with transcript

Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. 10 East 14th St., New York, March 20th, 1879. Dear May:

I reached New York safely this morning and at once proceeded to Fourteenth St. Every one seems well — and all send love. Went to Mr. Gifford's office at eleven and found the examination had been postponed until tomorrow and that Mr. Smith, Mr. Storrow and Mr. Eustis Hubbard were at the 5th Avenue Hotel.

Proceeded there and was kept hard at work by Mr. Storrow as he wished information concerning electrical matters.

This afternoon your Uncle Eustis and I went to see the Aquarium and I returned to Fourteenth St. so tired that instead of writing to you I went fast asleep but only for half-an-hour. Dinner-time arrived all too soon and then I had to return to the 5th Avenue Hotel to meet a New York Electrician a Monsieur De Fonville or some such name — and we talked “Telephone” — and “Diaphragm” and “Disk” ad nauseam till ten o'clock until I could stand it no longer — so I put on my hat and coat — said good night — and here I am almost asleep trying to show my little wife that I haven't forgotten her even if I am too tired to write a nice letter.

A large placard has been placed on this house and the vent saying that the Buildings are to be let for business purposes on a long lease. Mr. McCurdy seems well but impresses me more and more with the idea of failing power and failing energies. Gertrude McCurdy and Lina are here. Baby Charles opened his mouth wide at Elsie's picture and did his best to devour it. Charles is improving very much. Though still very delicate in appearance he

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is 2 perceptibly fattening. His little cheeks are now quite plump. Dear little wife I can't write tonight — I am tired and sleepy and must stop.

With much love. Your own, Alec. Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, 1509 Rhode Island Avenue.